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Between 22 and 28 February 1955, Soviet naval vessels were seen in the harbor of Swinemuende. The following details were obtained:

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Harbor</u>	<u>Berth</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
speedboats	Elco	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	-
submarine chasers	Kronstadt	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Zerstorerer Pier	-
submarine	?	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Zerstorerer Pier	Size: 750 to 1,000 tons; no flag; gun forward of tower; forward section of tower rounded at the sides; two platforms aft of tower; three tubes tapering to the top projected from the starboard side of the tower. The tubes ended in a ball-shaped device.
destroyer	?	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Zerstorerer Pier	One-stack destroyer, apparently of the "C" Class. No details.
submarine chaser	Kronstadt	22 February	0730	Swinemuende	put to sea from Swinemuende	
submarine chaser	Kronstadt	22 February	0740	Swinemuende		The submarine put to sea from Swinemuende, turned larboard and ran off larboard. There was a thick layer of ice at Swinemuende; although the ship seemed to have run at a speed of 5 knots without too much effort.

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submarine	?	22 February	0740	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	The submarine had the tactical mark painted in white color at the tower; the tower was closed; the upper section of the tower to the aft was open and the forward edge of tower slightly inclined to aft. The protective cover was rounded on top; the tower had two steps in the aft section. A gun of approx 88 mm was forward of the tower; aft of the tower on the lower platform an AA gun covered with canvas was seen. The submarine flew no flag.
destroyer	?	22 February	0740	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	The destroyer had a short, thick stack and two masts. It was similar to the G Class destroyers; however, the vessel seemed to have no elevated foremast and no major sheer.
submarine chasers	Kronstadt	22 February	0740	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	
tug	?	23 February	0830			The tug put to sea from Swinemuende with a convoy of three steam trawlers. The tug was approx 35 meters long, painted grey and flew a blue flag and at the upper corner at the flagstaff a white jack with red star and anchor. The tug seemed to function as ice-breaker.
speedboat	Elco	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	propped up on shore below the lighthouse near the beach	A total of six speedboats of the Elco type were propped up on shore. The torpedo tubes and the masts with pear-shaped radar sets were removed.

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motorboats	?	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	propped up on shore below the lighthouse near Osternothafen	The boats were smaller than the speedboats of type Elco; they were old and in poor condition.
speedboats	Elco	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	A total of six Elco boats were seen in Osternothafen.
submarine chasers	Kronstadt	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstorer Pier	Intensive activity. Groups of sailors fell in on shore and aboard. They apparently received instruction.
submarine	?	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstorer Pier, near the submarine chasers	A sentry stood on deck. Size: 750 tons. The tactical number was painted in white color at the tower. The tower had two steps to the aft. The upper section of the tower had a protective glass cover. A 88-mm gun was forward of the tower. An AA gun was mounted on the lower step aft of the tower.
motorboat	?	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstorer Pier, approx 100 meters up-stream of the submarine, in front of a small floating dock	
mine sweepers	T-301	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstorer Pier, upstream of the small floating dock	

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ex ? tug	?	23 February	daytime	Swinemuende		Both vessels functioned as ferries between the town of Swinemuende and the Soviet-occupied sector of Swinemuende. [] was similar to a former German torpedo-recovery vessel. Tug [] was painted grey and flew a blue flag with white jack with red star and anchor.	25X1 25X1 25X1
destroyer	?	23 February	1700	Swinemuende		Entered harbor from the sea and berthed in front of submarine []. The destroyer had one stack and did not appear to have been a vessel of the G Class. Destroyer [] had a major sheer, and flew the Soviet war ensign and a pendant at the foremast. All ships sighted on 23 February 1955 were dressed.	25X1 25X1
destroyer	?	24 February	0800	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	The destroyer [] ran off during heavy fog toward Kaiserfahrt. At 1650 on 24 February, the destroyer was sighted near the former mine depot at the right side of Kaiserfahrt. She took on oil from a hose.	25X1 25X1
tug	?	24 February	at noon	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	A coal lighter and the two tugs put into Swinemuende from sea. The tugs were painted grey and flew the blue service flag. [] was considerably larger than []. Having moored, [] moved alongside the coal lighter and bunkered coal by means of a gantry crane aboard the lighter.	25X1 25X1 25X1
mine vessel	?	25 February	1150	Swinemuende	at Am Eichsteden, in the port of the former See-Fliegerhorst (naval aviation base).		

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auxiliary ship	?	26 February	1150	Swinemuende	at the former bastion of the Seedienst Ostpreussen (Sea Service East Prussia).	No work was done aboard ship. She was an old freighter with a long stuck and two masts and painted gray . Size: approx 1,500 to 2,000 BR. Identification was not clearly determined.	25X1
mine sweepers	T-301	26 February	1200	Swinemuende	Zerstorer Pier, Osternothafen		25X1
speedboats	Elco	26 February	1700	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	Nine speedboats were sighted.	25X1
mine sweeper	T-301	26 February	1600	Swinemuende	harbor basin upstream of Neuchapfen		
mine sweepers	T-301	26 February	1600	Swinemuende	Zerstorer Pier		
speedboats	Elco	26 February	1600	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	No activity was noticed aboard the speedboats in Osternothafen and at the vessel propped up on shore below the lighthouse. No flags were seen. Vessels were no longer seen in Swinemuende at 1900 on 26 February 1955.	25X1

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